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Päivikki Nykter, Anna Savvas-Katkov, and Cecilia Kim to Perform at Central Library

Concert Will Feature Works by Haydn, Fauré, and Falla

SAN DIEGO – The third concert in the City of San Diego Public Library fall concert series will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. The program will feature a recital by Päivikki Nykter, violin; Anna Savvas-Katkov, piano; and Cecilia Kim, cello. The performance will be held in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

The program will include Joseph Haydn's spirited Trio No. 39 in G Major, "Gypsy" (1795); Gabriel Fauré's lovely Sonata in A Major for violin and piano, op. 13 (1877); and Manuel de Falla's *Suite populaire espagnole*, for violin and piano (1914), arranged from a collection of seven popular Spanish songs.

Violinist Päivikki Nykter, a native of Finland, is a graduate of the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki. She has held positions in many orchestras including the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra. Ms. Nykter was a founding member of the Finnish contemporary ensemble AVANTI! and has maintained her passion for new music, premiering numerous works written for her. She has worked with such notable composers as Brian Ferneyough, Roger Reynolds, Will Ogdon, Rand Steiger, Yoji Yuasa, Chaya Czernowin, Kaija Saariaho, Jonathan Harvey and David Burge. She has appeared as a guest artist in several festivals, including Giacinto Scelsi Festival in New York City, Darmstadt New Music Festival in Germany and International Mountain View Festival of Chamber Music and Song in Calgary, Canada. She is an artistic director of a Chamber Music Concert Series in Lappeenranta, Finland. Ms. Nykter served as an Artist-in-Residence at the University of California, San Diego Music Department from 1994 to 2006. She has recorded the complete violin duos by Béla Bartók with violinist János Négyesy on Neuma Records. The same duo has also recorded seven duos written and dedicated to them on Acourant Records. She has also recorded on the CRI, Old King Cole and Mode labels.

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Cellist Cecilia Kim is a native of Daegu, Korea, where she began performing at a young age. Ms. Kim received a bachelor's degree and later a master's degree from the Daegu Catholic University as a full scholarship recipient. In the following years, she became involved with the Daegu Symphony Orchestra, received a faculty position at Daegu Catholic University, and made highly acclaimed solo appearances with numerous orchestras in South Korea. After moving to America, she received a master's degree from San Diego State University and was appointed to a faculty position at the University of San Diego. Currently Ms. Kim has been giving performances in San Diego County.

Pianist Anna Savvas-Katkov is a performing artist and music educator living in San Diego. She is of Greek heritage. She studied at the University of Michigan and the Juilliard School, and earned her Master of Music degree from Mannes College of Music, and bachelor and doctoral degrees from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Savvas-Katkov has performed as soloist and chamber musician across the United States, on the East Coast primarily in New York City, Boston and Philadelphia, as well as in the Midwest, in Michigan and Minnesota, and on the West Coast, with performances at most of the colleges and universities in the San Diego area. She is the pianist with the locally-based Annarocelle Quartet. She maintains a private piano studio and is a frequent adjudicator at piano competitions. She has taught on the faculties at the University of Minnesota and the University of San Diego.

The concert is free and open to the public. **Free parking is available at the lot adjacent to the Library on Broadway and 8th, courtesy of Five Star Parking.** In addition, parking meters are not enforced on Sundays, and other pay parking lots are available in the vicinity of the library.

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